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# Subpart 3430—Preference Right Leases

### § 3430.0-1 Purpose.

These regulations set forth procedures for processing noncompetitive (preference right) coal lease applications on Federal lands.

#### § 3430.0-3 Authority.

(a) These regulations are issued under the authority of the statutes cited in  $\S3400.0$ -3 of this title.

(b) These regulations primarily implement section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 201(b)).

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#### § 3430.0-7 Scope.

Section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, amending 30 U.S.C. 201(b), repealed the Secretary's authority to issue or extend a coal prospecting permit on Federal lands. Therefore, these regulations apply only to preference right lease applications based on prospecting permits issued prior to August 4, 1976. The surface owner consent provisions of section 714 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1304) do not apply to preference right lease applications.

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#### § 3430.1 Preference right leases.

## § 3430.1-1 Showing required for entitlement to a lease.

An applicant for a preference right lease shall be entitled to a noncompetitive coal lease if the applicant can demonstrate that he discovered commercial quantities of coal on the prospecting permit lands within the term of the prospecting permit, all other requirements having been met.

## §3430.1-2 Commercial quantities defined.

For the purpose of  $\S3430.1-1$  of this title, commercial quantities is defined as follows:

(a) The coal deposit discovered under the prospecting permit shall be of such character and quantity that a prudent person would be justified in further expenditure of his labor and means with a reasonable prospect of success in developing a valuable mine.

(b) The applicant shall present sufficient evidence to show that there is a reasonable expectation that revenues from the sale of the coal shall exceed the cost of developing the mine and extracting, removing, transporting, and marketing the coal. The costs of development shall include the estimated cost of exercising environmental protection measures and suitably reclaiming the lands and complying with all applicable Federal and state laws and regulations.

### § 3430.2 Application for lease.

#### § 3430.2-1 Initial showing.

All preference right coal lease applications shall have contained or shall have been supplemented by the timely submission of:

(a) Information on the quantity and quality of the coal resources discovered within the boundaries of the